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This is a followup of our phone call with you on 22 January 1982 regarding the processing of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request concerning the Bay of Pigs and its aftermath.

As my representative advised you, we have encountered numerous problems in obtaining the fee estimates on your request because our file and records systems are not structured to retrieve many of the documents as you have described them. While some of the documents can be located, to attempt to find others we would have to undertake research which, under the FOIA, we are neither authorized nor required to do.

As a step towards satisfying your request you have agreed that you will avail yourself of information on the Bay of Pigs that we have readily available. This information previously has been released to other FOIA requesters and consists of a number of intelligence reports, memoranda, and weekly summaries; there is a total of 56 documents consisting of 137 pages. We are forwarding this material to you at a cost of 10¢ per page (\$13.70). We are also attaching a computer printout which describes this previously released material. Please remit a check or money order to us of \$13.70, made out to the Treasurer of the United States.

For that part of your request concerning the Taylor Committee (e.g. the "Cuban Study Groups", the "Memorandums for the Record Paramilitary Study Group Meetings", etc.), we direct your attention to Operation Zapata (Frederick, Maryland: University Publications of America, Inc., 1981). This 367-page volume contains material which both the CIA and the National Security Council approved for release. This compilation was the result of requests to the National Archives and Records Service (NARS) for declassification reviews. As you may know, NARS controls the Taylor Committee materials.

Based on your previous letters, you seemed to be under the impression that you would receive full-text copies of the documents requested. Please be advised that CIA is charged by statute with protecting those portions of documents which are properly classified and which pertain to intelligence sources and methods. Therefore, most of the material we release is in sanitized form.

Per our telephone discussion regarding the required specificity of your request, we are suspending processing until you have the opportunity to examine the material we have sent you. We hope that you can redefine your request in such a manner so that our components can adequately search their records.

We apologize for the delay in replying to you.



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Dear Mr. Bacon:

Where are the "search fee estimates"? I think you will agree that five months is more than enough delay to try my "continued patience."

See your attached letter (11 May 1981) and another copy of the documents (attached) I requested so long ago. I repeat: I am asking for Roman numerals I, II, and III on the attached pages.

Please respond immediately.

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